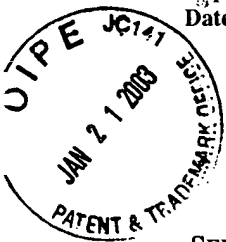


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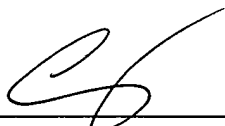
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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action Dated September 20, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group XII (claims 5-14, 30 and 33, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8) without traverse.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and required fee are filed herewith. With this extension of time, this response is due on January 21, 2003 (January 20, 2003 being a Holiday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-721.

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